

SEVEN FACTS YOU CAN BELIEVE

1. You are saved.

1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

2. You are a new person in the eyes of God.

2 Cor. 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

3. You now have the Holy Spirit living within you.

Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

4. You are cleansed and forgiven of all sin.

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."

5. You are no longer condemned.

Romans 8:1 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

6. You have become a Follower of Jesus Christ.

A Follower (or Disciple):

Is Unashamed - Mark 8:38 "If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Continues in the Word - John 8:31 "Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.'"

Loves God - Matt. 10:37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."

Loves Others - John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

Is Obedient - John 15:10 "If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love."

7. You have been added to Christ's Church.

Acts 2:47 "Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Please read the following scriptures for the next seven days

Day 1:	2 Timothy 2:22-24	2 Thessalonians 3:3
Day 2:	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	Philippians 4:19
Day 3:	1 Corinthians 15:33	1 Corinthians 2:9
Day 4:	Romans 8:1-2	Acts 4:12
Day 5:	John 15:1-5	1 Corinthians 6:18-20
Day 6:	Colossians 3:1-2	1 Corinthians 6:9-11
Day 7:	Matthew 22:37	

What WA State Institutions Is PFC Involved In?

- Cedar Creek Correctional Center
- Clallam Bay Correctional Center
- Chelan County Juvenile Detention
- Cowlitz County Youth Detention Center
- Denny Juvenile Justice Center
- Echo Glen Children's Center
- Evergreen Camp
- Fort Lewis Brig
- Grays Harbor County Juvenile Detention
- Green Hill Training School
- Issaquah City Jail
- Kent Regional Justice Center
- King County Jail
- King County Juvenile Detention
- Lewis County Juvenile Detention
- Maple Lane School
- Martin Hall
- Minimum Security Unit at Monroe
- McNeill Island Correctional Center
- Naselle Youth Camp
- Skagit County Juvenile Detention Center
- Snohomish County Jail
- Special Offenders Unit at Monroe
- Stafford Creek Correctional Center
- Tacoma Pre-Release
- Twin Rivers Unit at Monroe
- WA Correctional Center for Men
- WA Correctional Center for Women
- Washington State Reformatory at Monroe

What services does PFC offer?

- In Prison Bible Study—WA Only
- In Prison Concerts—WA Only
- In Prison Worship Services—WA Only
- Grief and Loss—WA Only
- Juvenile Outreach—WA Only
- Family Visitation Transportation—WA Only
- Pen Pal Letter Writing Programs—National
- PFC Bible Study Correspondence School—National

DEATH ROW PARDON REFUSED

There was once a boy who, at the age of four, saw his father in a drunken state brutally kill his mother, two brothers, and a sister. That young boy was soon committed as a ward of the state and lived in many different foster homes. That boy's name was Jerry. As he grew up, Jerry became a very angry and embittered young man. You see, wherever Jerry lived, he was constantly abused; physically, emotionally, and sexually.

Jerry was a walking time bomb, ready to explode. One day he did. Jerry exploded when a drug deal went bad. He killed three drug dealers and four innocent bystanders. Jerry was subsequently found guilty and sentenced to death.

Three days before his scheduled execution, Jerry had an unlikely occurrence—Jerry had his first visitor ever. When the visitor entered his solitary, death-row cell, Jerry noticed that this visitor was wearing a suit and carrying a Bible. When the man sat down, he said, "Jerry, I want to share with you some good news". When Jerry heard this, he went into a fit of rage and jumped the visitor. Immediately, five guards came to subdue Jerry. Other guards came to rescue the visitor and escort him out. As the visitor was being escorted out, he could still hear Jerry yelling, "You're all hypocrites! Religion never helped me in all my life! Where was Jesus when I needed him most!?"

Jerry had his second visitor that day—the Warden of the institution. "Jerry," the Warden whispered, "I see that you had a visit today from our GOVERNOR". "What!?" screamed Jerry. "That man was the Governor!?" "Yes," said the Warden. "And what's more, he had a stay of execution in his hand—a pardon for you. But, Jerry, you attacked the man and wouldn't even listen to him." Jerry pleaded with the Warden to write, on his behalf, a letter of apology.

On the morning of Jerry's execution, a letter from the Governor's office arrived. To Jerry's horror, stamped on his unopened letter to the Governor, were the words, "Pardon Refused." When Jerry was asked if he had any final words, he paused and said, "Tell people everywhere you go that even though I was a murderer, I was not executed for my crime of murder. I was executed for refusing the Governor's pardon."

You see my friend, we are telling you this story because we have a pardon to share with you. A pardon not of human origin but that of divine origin. What will you do? Will you accept it, or will you reject it like Jerry? That pardon comes through accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. Salvation is a free gift! All you have to do is receive it. Are you willing to receive it today?

If you would like to accept Jesus Christ, please pray this prayer in your heart now: "Lord, today I ask forgiveness of all my sins. I accept your Son, Jesus Christ, into my heart as my Lord and Savior. From this day forward I seek and desire Your will for my life. In Your Son's Name I pray. Amen."



WHAT'S NEXT

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NOW THAT I'M SAVED WHAT'S NEXT?

Often the days and the weeks following your acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Personal Lord and Savior are very puzzling and confusing. It is during this time that Satan, our enemy, will put trials and temptation in your path to try to discourage you and trip you up. You can count on this!!

Remember that the war was won on Calvary when Jesus Christ took the sins of the world and died for all of our sins. As children of God, we have many privileges and also many responsibilities. **(1 John 3:1)**

A Child of God Follows Christ in Baptism

One of Christ's last instructions to His disciples before His ascension into heaven was Matthew 28:19 *"Go therefore and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit."* Jesus instructed those who follow Him to be baptized as an outward sign to the world that our sins have been washed away and He has taken us as His own children.

If you are in Jail or Prison, and are a new believer in Christ, you should talk to the Chaplain of the institution about being baptized. Many prison institutions have portable baptisteries that can be used for baptismal services. If you are in an institution that does not have a baptistery, be patient until you are released back into the community and can find a Bible believing church in which you can be baptized.

Remember! It is not baptism by which you are saved; it is by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Acts 4:12)

A Child of God Reads God's Word Daily

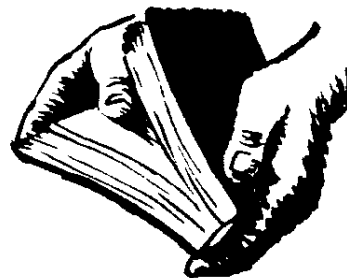
(Acts 17:11)

God has given us His Word, which is the Bible, for us to grow spiritually. It is through the Word of God that we, as believers, can understand God's will for our life to share His word with other believers, and to be able to fight the good fight when evil and temptation are knocking at our front door.

If you are in Jail or Prison, ask the Chaplain of your institution for a Bible. Remember, there are many versions of the Bible available; some are very easy to understand and some are not. We would suggest that you obtain the **New International Version (NIV)** as your first Bible. We would also suggest that you read the Gospel of John first, then Acts, then the rest of the New Testament.

We would also suggest the following:

- ◆ Find someone with whom you can study the Bible. Be careful who you choose. Not everyone believes in the same Jesus.
- ◆ Have a notebook next to you as you are studying so that you can write down special thoughts that the Holy Spirit gives to you.
- ◆ Start right from the beginning. Try to memorize one scripture a week. This will assist you in fighting temptation and sharing God's Word with others.



A Child of God Prays Daily

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

As you study the Word, God speaks to you. As you pray, you speak to God. Prayer is bringing your needs for yourself and those around you to Heaven and God our Father.

As you pray, ask God to make real to you His direction for your life. Ask Him for guidance and direction in problems you or your family are experiencing. Remember that God answers all prayer in one of three ways: yes, no, and not now.

We would also suggest the following:

- ◆ Develop from the start a prayer journal so you can write down prayers and answers to prayer.
- ◆ Pray daily.
- ◆ Find a prayer partner. Choose a Christian you can trust and confide in. Be careful who you choose as a prayer partner to confide in.

A Child of God Finds a Church to Worship God

(Hebrews 10:25)

God did not intend any of us to be a Lone Ranger Christian. He gave us His church family to be a part of for the purpose of serving and glorifying Him. You will find that one of the greatest privileges of the Christian Life is that of having fellowship. You will soon discover the need of meeting regularly with other Christians.

If you are in prison or jail, you will have the opportunity to go to Church Services almost every night of the week sponsored by all different types of churches. **Be cautious!** Not all churches profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Talk to your chaplain about which churches are Bible-believing churches.

A Child of God Shares His Faith with Others

We, as Christians, have a privilege and a responsibility to build up the Kingdom of God here on earth by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We can witness to others in a number of different ways of how God has made a difference in our lives.

- ◆ We can witness to others by the way we live and by what we say. For some this is real easy. For others, this can be real difficult. If you aren't willing to **walk the talk**, don't try to witness to people. If you are in prison, and you have outward, blatant, unrepentant sin, you can do more harm than good by witnessing for Christ. First repent and turn from your sin before witnessing for Christ. People will watch those who profess to be Christians.
- ◆ You can witness to others by giving them some Christian literature that pertains to some aspect of their life with which they are struggling.
- ◆ You can witness to others by inviting them to a church service, Bible study, or concert.
- ◆ **Caution:** Only invite people to services or programs where you know sound doctrine is being taught.
- ◆ The most effective way to witness to someone is one to one. This method is the most effective but most frightening for some. Begin by finding someone who is broken, hurting, or having trials in their lives. Share the Love of Jesus with them from a loving but not condemning standpoint.

Remember, it is not you who is doing the saving, it is the Holy Spirit.